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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: SATELLITE EARTH STATION

REF: (A) STATE 018579,0(B) 76 MONTEVIDEO 3838,

(C) 75 MONTEVIDEO 3914

1. URUGUAYAN NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENCY (ANTEL) IS VERY INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING SATELLITE EARTH STATION THAT WOULD ENABLE URUGUAY TO BY-PASS THE PRESENT MONTEVIDEO-BUENOS AIRES-BALCARCE MICROWAVE LINK. HOWEVER, UNTIL RECENTLY, THERE HAS BEEN VERY LITTLE MOVEMENT ON THIS PROJECT SINCE SUBMISSION OF EARLY WXNNING (REF C).

2. TZUGUAY HAS NOT YET APPLIED TO INTELSAIFOR SATELLITE ACCESS, BUT ANTEL STATES THAT IT HOPES TO DO SO SOON. ALTHOUGH FINAL DECISION NOT MADE, ANTEL IS INTERESTED IN AN A-STATION.

3. FOR SOME TIME ACQUISITION OF SATELLITE STATION AND EXPANSION OF TELEX.TELEGRAPH SYSTEM WAS CONSIDERED BY ANTEL ALA INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENIBANK (IDB) TO BE THE SECOND STAGE OF ANTEL'S MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, WHICH IS BEING FINANCED BY IDB. FIRST STAGE, \$50 MILLION EXPANSION OF THE COUNTRY'S MICROWAVE COMMUNICATION NETWORK , IS NOW UNDERWAY AND HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY REPORTED (76 MONTEVIDEO 4827 AND PREVIOUS).

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ORIGINALLY, THE IDB WAS NOT GOING TO CONSIDER SECOND STATE OF PROJECT UNTIL THE FIRST STAGE WAS WELL IN PROGRESS. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM ANTEL SOURCES THAT THE IDB MAY NOT PROVIDE FINANCING FOR THE SATELLITE STATION COMPONENT OF THE SECOND STAGE, AND THAT ANTEL WILL PROBABLY CALL FOR BIDS, POSSIBLY BEFORE THE END OF 1977, BASED UPON SUPPLIER CREDITS.

4. E-SYSTEMS' SUBSIDIARY, TAI OF FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA, DECLINED TO SUBMIT AN OFFER TO FOWIDE CONSULTING SERVICES TO ANTEL FOR THE MICKBWAVE COMMUNICATION PROJECT AFTER STUDYING DOCUMENTS AND VISITING MONTEVIDEO (REF B). THIS DECISION WAS APPARENTLY BASED ON TAI'S BELIEF THAT ANTEL'S REQUIREMENTS WERE SUCH AS TO MAKE THE PROJECT LESS ATTRACTIVE.

5. VBR FURTHER INFORMATION, E-SYSTEMS SHOULD WRITE TO ING. NORBERTO FAROPPA, ANTEL, PARAGUAY 2431, MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY, DESCRIBING ITS INTERESTS AND CAPABILITIES, ESPECIALLY

IF IT IS IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE SUPPLIER CREDITS FOR FOREIGN CURRENCY COSTS.
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